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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2359.

THOMAS HANBURY SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

THE Council is prepared to receive applications for the post of non-resident temporary Assistant Mistress in the Thomas Hanbury School for Boys. Pay Tls. 115 per mensem.

Candidates should possess the ability to prepare the work of students taking the Cambridge Local Syllabus, and to teach Class Singing.

Applications should state age, qualifications, etc., and should be forwarded, together with copies of testimonials, to the undersigned forthwith.

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 10, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2360.

TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Friday, March 31, to decide upon the number and locality of Foreign Taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applications for new licences, upon the form obtainable at the Tax Office, must be forwarded to the undersigned before March 14.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded to Ratepayers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 17, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2361.

WATERCLOSETS.

THE Council will undertake the removal of the contents of water-closet cesspools at the following charge per mensem:—

Tls. 1 per watercloset with a minimum charge of Tls. 10.

Applications for removal stating the number of closets, should be addressed to the Health Office, Honan Road.

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 24, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2362.

CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.

THE public is hereby reminded that the sale of pheasants is prohibited after February 16, and that of deer, hare, partridges and all small birds after March 1. No prohibition attaches to the sale of snipe, quail, woodcock and wild fowl.

By order,

J. B. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 24, 1916.

AT the meeting of the Works Committee held on Monday, February 21, 1916, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. I. Ezra (*Chairman*)
W. L. Merriman

Absent:

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie

The meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 23, 1916, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
E. I. Ezra
A. Hide
A. Ishii
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. W. L. Merriman
A. S. P. White-Cooper

Absent:

Mr. J. Johnstone
C. G. S. Mackie

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. T. Sammons, American Consul-General, informs the Council that he has resumed charge of the Consulate-General from February 19.

Robberies in the Settlement.

The following correspondence, arising out of representations made by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce with a view to the adoption of special precautionary Police arrangements in the district bounded by the Ningpo, Peking, Tientsin and Honan Roads, records the Chamber's satisfaction with the additional measures which have been authorised:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, January 21, 1916.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 21 on the subject of armed robberies in the Settlement, and in reply to point out, in the first place, that the action of the Police in the specific case in question was, in the Council's opinion, not lacking in promptitude, for an armed Chinese Constable reached the alleyway within half a minute of the alarm; within a few minutes several Foreign and Chinese Police, fully armed, arrived on the scene, and one of the robbers was arrested, though the remainder succeeded in escaping over the roofs. During the past two years no other robberies have taken place in this particular neighbourhood. The Police supervision does not therefore appear to have been remiss.

If ordinary precautions had been taken by the proprietors of the bank in question, this robbery might easily have been prevented. Some of the exchange shops have complied with the frequent and urgent representations of the Police that properly protected counters and grills be utilised by way of precaution in handling large sums of money. This simple measure, which is regarded as absolutely necessary in every large foreign town, was omitted by the establishment in question, and consequently it was entirely at the mercy of the armed desperadoes upon their sudden advent. I am directed to request that you will be so good as to arrange that such shops in this neighbourhood where large sums of money are habitually handled, shall comply with the Police recommendation as to the provision of properly protected counters and grills.

It has been noted that the two watchmen in the alleyway were not included among the number of the watchmen who are supervised by the Police. This, and other considerations, point to the advisability of substituting for the present watchmen, a number of men who are more fully controlled, instructed in the use of carbines and armed with these weapons during their patrol duties; and the Captain-Superintendent is giving attention to this point. The Council will also give further attention to the suggestion as to the establishment, at the expense of the exchange shops, of a small Police depôt in the neighbourhood.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

To the CHAIRMAN,

Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Translation of letter from the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to the Council: January 28, 1916.

The Chamber has received the Council's letter of January 21, translation of which indicates that the Chinese banks in the vicinity of the Tientsin Road should provide counters and grills, and refers to the establishment of a police depôt at the bankers' expense as a measure of additional precaution. Therefrom it is noted that all necessary steps are being taken for their protection for which an expression of thanks is now conveyed to the Council. The Chamber

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has forwarded a translation of the Council's note for the information of the bankers, and a reply has now been received from them submitting three suggestions for consideration, viz.:—

(1) They request the appointment of additional plain-clothes detectives for investigating and watching purposes.

(2) As the provision of grills is unsuitable they ask the issue of instructions to the Police to exercise care and also vigilance in the matter of the conveyance of specie and money on the streets also the issue of additional arms, and

(3) They are of opinion that the annual cost for the provision of a police depôt in their neighbourhood should be discussed and decided.

As the above suggestions seem useful, the Chamber accordingly forwards a copy of the views as expressed by the bankers, for the Council's consideration, and for reply to be transmitted to them accordingly.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 11, 1916.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 28, enclosing a communication from the Chinese bankers wherein certain suggestions on the subject of armed robberies in the Settlement are submitted for consideration by the Council.

In reply thereto I am directed to inform you that arrangements are being made for arming the watchmen employed by the Bank Guild, and for the training of certain of their number in the use of firearms.

I am also directed to inform you that the cost of the construction of the small Police depôt to which my letter of January 21 refers, is estimated at approximately Tls. 300; this will be the only additional expenditure which the Chinese bankers will be called upon to meet. The assent of the landowner concerned is being sought for the erection of this depôt on a site in the Honan Road, recommended by the Captain-Superintendent, and as soon as a definite reply has been received, a further communication will be made to you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN,
Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Shanghai, February 17, 1916.

SIR,—With reference to the Council's letter of February 11, informing us of the steps which the Council has taken to safeguard the interests of the Chinese bankers by the construction of a small police depôt at a cost of approximately Tls. 300; we have little doubt that this measure will go far towards protecting the large Chinese interests in the quarters concerned from further attempted armed robberies; and that the arming of the watchmen employed by the Bankers' Guild should give a complete sense of security to those interests they are protecting.

We wish to observe that we have no complaints regarding the work performed by the Police Force and the measures which have been adopted; and we realise that if the recommendations contained in the Council's letter of January 21 could be fully carried out good results would follow. We recognise that large sums of money are handled in a manner which is foreign to that in use in any other country, and that considerable risks are run. We also note that the number of crimes which have taken place during the last two years in the particular locality in question is only one, which was the subject of our letter to the Council of December 21, and that this was in a network of alleyways which were not policed by the Municipal Police, and were protected by watchmen engaged by the landlords. It is fair to admit that had the gates of these alleys not been closed at the time, the police would have been able to enter and probably effect more than the one arrest which was successfully made.

The police work throughout the Settlement is rendered more difficult at the present time owing to the recent political situation: there is also considerable distress in surrounding districts, especially Pootung, where the effect of the 1915 typhoon is still felt, and where the recent rice and cotton crops have not been very good: this attracted a large number of bad characters, who, failing to find employment, can hardly be prevented from resorting to thefts and robberies.

A visit, however, to the locality to which the bankers referred now assures us that the Police are fully alive to the local needs, and are sparing no effort to prevent any crimes from occurring in the future. We thank the Council for its courteous reply.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient servants,
CHU PO-SAN,
Chairman.
CHU LI-CHI,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Municipal Council.

Building Rules Commission.

In view of the unanimous opinion of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Commission to frame rules with respect to Water Closets, advocating the removal of the contents of watercloset cesspools under Municipal supervision, and not by individuals; the Council has at the recommendation of the Health Officer adopted a uniform scale of moderate charges payable for the performance of this work, and its publication by the issue of Municipal Notification No. 2361 has been directed accordingly.

Foreign Women's Home.

The following further interchange of letters is in continuation of the correspondence on this subject contained in the Gazette of February 10:—

Shanghai, February 15, 1916.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 8, conveying the Council's decision in regard to the application of my Committee for a grant of Tls. 3,000 per annum from the rates to enable them effectively to carry on their work.

The Committee very much regret that the Council is unable to see its way to accede to the application.

The Committee would call the Council's attention to the international character of the work, and would emphasize the fact that it is largely concerned in assisting respectable women who may be in unfortunate circumstances, and has therefore a reasonable claim upon the sympathy and support of the ratepayers.

In consideration of these facts the Committee beg that the Council will give its active support to the following resolution which is to be proposed at the forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting:—

"In consideration of the services rendered to the Community by the work of the Foreign Women's Home in receiving and helping destitute foreign women of all nationalities, a grant of Tls. 3,000 per annum be made from the rates to enable the Committee to effectively carry on their work."

My Committee will be glad if you will bring this before the Municipal Council at the earliest opportunity.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Yours truly,
ANNIE M. MATHESON,
Honorary Secretary,
Foreign Women's Home Committee.

J. B. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 18, 1916.

MADAM,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 15, requesting the Council's support at the forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting of the resolution which you intend to propose in the terms set forth in your letter.

In reply thereto I am directed to inform you that, as the members recognise the good work of the institution, the resolution which you intend to submit for the consideration of the Ratepayers will not be actively opposed. The Council is, on the other hand, of the opinion that the work of the Home is not of a kind which should properly be assisted out of the public funds, and is therefore unable, with regret, to give support to the resolution.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Mrs. G. MATHESON,
Honorary Secretary,
Foreign Women's Home Committee.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Delhi Kwanghsin Road.—The question of the compensation, if any, payable in respect to the land required from Lots 6013 and 6015 will be referred for settlement by the Land Commissioners in terms of the following correspondence:—

Shanghai, October 27, 1915.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld., and the San Sing Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld., to write you regard-

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ing the land required by the Council from their respective properties for the purpose of forming the Delhi Road.

The Board of Directors of both companies desire to emphasize the fact that their properties will derive no benefit whatever by the formation of a road between them, that they desire no further frontages than the lengthy frontages to the Yangtszepoo Road and the Whangpoo River which both properties at present possess, and, furthermore that long experience has proved it is undesirable for a mill to have more than one boundary upon a road; nevertheless, as the Council have decided that for the benefit of the Public a road should be driven through the two properties, the Directors are willing to agree to the proposal and to support the Council in every manner possible.

I am instructed to inform you that the land scheduled will be surrendered upon payment at the assessed rate plus 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender and re-instatement at the Council's expense of all existing buildings and structures to the new line, the Council also to pay for any alterations to the two mill's water supply pipes or drains which may be found necessary. I am further instructed to inform you that the two Boards of Directors will not entertain any proposal of deduction for the reasons stated above, and I may add that the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co. have already suffered heavy extra expense on account of setting back their new Mill (now being constructed) to the scheduled building line, which extra expense would have been avoided had this company been able to extend it over the land scheduled for the Delhi Road.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
GEO. A. JOHNSON.

CHAS. H. GODFREY, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 20, 1915.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 27 to the Municipal Engineer on the subject of the Delhi Road.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that the Council desires, as opportunity arises to proceed with the construction of this road in its scheduled position. It is considered that the road cannot but prove of great advantage to the properties on each side of it, and I am directed therefore to request that the requisite surrenders be made without compensation by the owners interested.

I may add that such important buildings as are affected by the road line will be allowed to remain for the time being, and until re-building takes place, but that the Council will defray the cost of reinstatement of such outhouses, fences, etc., as are within the line of the road.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

G. A. JOHNSON, Esq.

Shanghai, December 1, 19 5.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge your letter of the 20th ult., regarding the surrender of land for the Delhi Road.

I am instructed to kindly request the Municipal Council to explicitly set forth the reasons why they consider that the land in question should be surrendered without compensation.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will let me have an early reply,

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
GEO. A. JOHNSON.

J. B. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 10, 1915.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 1, on the subject of the surrender of the land required for the construction of the Delhi Road.

In reply thereto, I am directed in the first place to point out that the riverine frontage of the two lots, is approximately 2 6.0 feet, their depth between the River and the Yangtszepoo Road is about 1.200 feet, and their area is equivalent to that of the Public Recreation Ground: and to state that from a property of this character the ground which would justify free surrender is the betterment which the construction of the road will confer.

The Council cannot concur in the view which you have previously expressed that the due fulfilment of traffic requirements, and improved access, will not constitute a benefit: this is obtainable to a full degree only by means of a public road. It would be difficult to dispute the fact that for the adequate police, health and fire protection of these properties the lack of a cross road is a serious disability: by the remedy of which they will also unquestionably profit: and a third and very notable advantage will be the enhanced market value consequent upon an additional 2,400 feet of road frontage. A fourth benefit conferred by the proposed expropriation will be uniformity of this frontage on the new public road, in replacement of the irregular boundary line between the two lots. These are the reasons for which, it is evident, the requisite surrender must be without compensation.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

G. A. JOHNSON, Esq.

Shanghai, February 10, 1916.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the directors of the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co. and the San Sing Cotton Co. to forward you the enclosed report drawn up by them in answer to your letter dated December 10 last.

Should the Municipal Council still insist on their contention that the land should be surrendered without compensation I am directed to request them to make arrangements for an arbitration upon the case, as in the case of surrender of land for the Mysore Road, and shall be obliged if you will forward for approval the name of the arbitrator the Council suggest.

The claim of the two owners concerned will be as stated in my letter to the Municipal Engineer dated October 27 last.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
GEO. A. JOHNSON.

J. B. MACKINNON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary, Municipal Council.

It is stated by the Municipal Council in their letter dated December 10 that (1) because of the size of the combined properties of the San Sing Cotton Co. and the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co; the opening up of the scheduled Delhi Road must constitute a betterment to the properties in question; (2) that traffic requirements can only be properly met by the formation of the scheduled road, and the additional access will constitute a benefit; that lack of the scheduled road means inadequate police, health and fire protection; (3) that the additional road frontage the two properties will obtain will enhance their market value; (4) that the road will form a more uniform boundary between the two properties than the existing boundary, and that this will be a benefit to both properties.

(1) The only betterment or betterments that can possibly accrue to the properties in question would arise from judicious internal development by the respective owners, both properties being self-contained and independent; many years of varied experience has proved that this is the essential condition for properties belonging to large industrial concerns; the two properties between them possess unbroken road and riverine frontages of about 4,000 feet and in consequence cannot be considered to require either additional road or river frontages. A glance at the Municipal plan of the district makes apparent the fact that any advantage that can arise from the formation of the Delhi Road will be solely for the public, and for the owners of land situated to the North-west of the Yangtszepoo Road, as the opening up of the Delhi Road will afford them direct access to the Whangpoo River at the expense of the two cotton companies.

That such an extensive area of the "B" Section of the Eastern District is in the substantive ownership of progressive and enterprising companies as the "San Sing" and "Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co." should be highly gratifying to the Municipal Council, these two companies having for many years contributed directly large sums to the Municipal exchequer in the form of land and house tax, and indirectly through the enormous sums the companies have paid to their staffs and operatives, thus helping to increase the prosperity and general demands in that district; these factors of themselves should carry sufficient weight to convince the Council that the two companies are deserving of some measure of reci-

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procity, and that encouragement should be extended to them in order that they may continue, and increase, these contributions to the Municipal exchequer.

Although in their schemes for extension due allowance was made for the area to be surrendered from their compounds, the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co. has already been put to large ex ra expense in the construction of their No. 3 mill owing to difficulties encountered, which difficulties would not have been met with had it been possible to build right up to the existing boundary between the two properties.

In so far as the present and future requirements of the two companies are concerned the opening up of the Delhi Road cannot now, or in the future, confer the slightest benefit either to the owners or to their employees; to sum up, as far as the companies are concerned the projected road is uncalled for and undesirable.

(2) With regard to traffic requirements and general public utility, these would be far better served by continuing the Kandahar Road across the Yangtszepoo Road down to the Whangpoo River.

As to additional access; police, health and fire protection; the first of these is undesirable as it is not required and tends to increase the labours of the companies' staffs of watchmen to a degree corresponding to the increased number of gateways and additional length of road frontages. The labours of the Municipal Police will be increased as the operatives from the two mills, and other characters, will doubtless assemble upon the Delhi Road and friction, and other causes demanding direct police supervision, will arise.

Health and fire protection are amply provided for by the existing long road and river frontages, and the easy accesses enjoyed by the companies both to the Yangtszepoo Road and Whangpoo River; it was lately proved that the properties were quite self-contained and well supplied in the matter of fire protection. The opening up of the Delhi Road can in no way whatever improve the prevailing conditions of health and sanitation which are amply provided for at present, and for the future.

(3) With regard to the Council's allegation that the market value of the properties will be enhanced by the additional road frontages the Delhi Road will afford, it is sufficient to remind the Council that both the companies concerned are permanent owners of the properties in question, and they neither seek nor desire to enter into any land speculations with their properties; their only in erest and wish is to follow without extraneous interruption the legitimate business for which their companies were formed, and to extend such business to the best advantage of their shareholders in particular, and Shanghai in general.

(4) As to the uniformity or otherwise of the boundary line between the two properties the experience of many years has proved that this is a matter of indifference with companies whose properties adjoin, as in this case, when those years have been marked by continuous exchange of neighbourly courtesies on mutual affairs which has cemented a sincere regard between the two companies; furthermore the result of the properties adjoining has been to lessen the tasks of watchmen, and tended to help supervision.

In conclusion the Municipal Council must thoroughly understand that the scheduled Delhi Road is not desired by either company, that they consider the opening up of such road will destroy the advantages they now enjoy in possessing self-contained and well protected compounds, that the Delhi Road will form a source of additional expenses to them in the future, and has already caused great extra expense through interfering with and rendering more difficult the schemes of extension.

Furthermore, as already pointed out, the public requirements will be far better served if the Kandahar Road is continued on to the Whangpoo River, and at a far less cost to the Municipal purse as it would go through vacant and undeveloped land requiring no removal of existing buildings such as in the case of the two cotton companies' properties.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 16, 1916.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 10, with further reference to the matter of the surrender from Lots 6013 and 6015 of the land required for the Delhi Road, and in reply thereto I am directed to state that in accordance with Article VIA of the Land Regulations, the question of the compensation, if any, to be paid or given for the land so required, taking into account the increase or, as you apparently contend, the decrease in value of the remainder of the properties, will be referred for settlement by the Land Commissioners.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

G. A. JOHNSON, Esq.

Chengtu Road.—Negotiations with Messrs. Hanson, McNeill, Jones & Wright have been completed for the surrender of the piece of land scheduled from Lot 1025, upon the terms applied in the case of the former surrender from this property during 1910, i.e., the assessed value, plus 10 per cent. for compulsory surrender, and less one-half for betterment, or Tls. 413 for Mow 0.150.

Electricity Department.

Storage Battery.—The storage battery at Fearon Road which for a considerable period has been out of use has been dismantled and the space formerly occupied by the apparatus is being fitted up as a workshop. The material of the old battery, consisting of a quantity of lead plates, lead bars, lead lined boxes and lead dust, has been sold at public auction and has realized Tls. 14,889.

Municipal Staff.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ORDER BOOKS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Police Force.—The service of Constable A. E. Franklin terminated on February 17, the date of expiry of his agreement.

Sikh Constable No. 91, Bagga Singh, is discharged, invalided, with effect from February 15.

Secretariat.—Miss K. Flood, Stenographer and Typist in the Secretariat, is permitted to terminate her service on March 31.

Voluntary War Service.—

Police Force.—Sergeant Bradish, whose death was formerly recorded on the information of an erroneous report, is now noted to have recovered from wounds.

Public Band.

The attendance on Sunday, February 20, numbered 460.

On Sunday next, February 27, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows:—

1. Overture "Cleopatra" Enna
*2. Ballet music from "La Gioconda" Ponchielli
3. Selection "Hänsel and Gretel" Humperdinck

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4. Trio for Violin, 'Cello and Harp Oelschlegel
Soloists: Miss Macleod, Mr. Brandt and Mr. Morscher
*5. Suite Algérienne Saint-Saëns
(*a*) En vue d'Alger
(*b*) Rhapsodie Mauresque
(*c*) Rêverie du soir
(*d*) Marche
6. Welsh Rhapsody German

*First performance at these concerts.

Conductor, Professor R. BUCK.

Return of Communicable Disease.

Reported during the week ending Sunday, February 20, 1916.	Cases notified among Foreign resident population of 18,520	Deaths among Chinese resident population of 820,400
Small-pox	1	0
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—
Diphtheria	1	0
Scarlet Fever	0	3
Tuberculosis	0	17
Plague	0	0
Dysentery	2	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	6	148

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

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Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign
2425	Yangtsze-poo	Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	staircase
2820	Bubbling Well	Palmer & Turner	addition and alteration to house
Un-reg. N of 2216	do.	Tilley & Limby	bunding
Un-reg. N of 3090	Medhurst	Chiang Kwei-kee	house, servants' quarters, lodge & boundary wall
			Chinese
387	Hankow	Heh Shing-tsang	addition to house
Un-reg. N of 473	Kookaloong	Chang Yuen-kee	6 houses, etc.
Un-reg. E of 280	Li Hong-kew Ka and E. Yuhang	Cecil Holliday & Co., Ld.	do.

Mixed Court Report for January.

During the hearing of a charge of embezzlement against a Chinese in foreign employ the Police Legal Assistant, under instructions, intervened with leave of the Court and drew the Court's attention to a practice which was unfortunately only too prevalent, namely that, when an absconding shroff was guaranteed, the threat of criminal proceedings against the offender was used as a means of forcing the guarantors to make good the amount and when that had been done any further criminal proceedings were dropped. Sometimes, after negotiations had proceeded for months, criminal proceedings were only started as a last resort. The British Assessor (Mr. Garstin) said that if a complainant tried to get his money returned to him in a legal manner there was nothing objectionable in that, but no inducement that the offender should not be charged should be made and no threats should be made to get the money returned. The Assessor and Magistrate considered the matter to be of such importance that they directed the Chinese newspapers to publish a warning to the effect that the Court would not consider criminal complaints of this nature in the future where a long space of time had elapsed between the commission of offence and the laying of the complaint.

On several occasions during the month the Court found reason to compliment individual members of the Police Force on their work in connexion with the arrest of armed robbers.

This month there was great activity on the part of litigants in Chinese Civil Cases who besieged the Civil Office with requests to have their cases tried before the China New Year settlement. 149 petitions, necessitating a hearing before the Court, were filed, a record number for any one month. The number of Chinese Civil Cases awaiting a first hearing on the last day of the month was 432. This constitutes another record.

The Chinese Authorities have again adopted an obstructive attitude towards the officers of the Court serving summonses, duly countersigned at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, on persons residing in Chinese territory.

Here follow returns of Offences, Summonses and Warrants dealt with, Sentences and Decisions, Prisoners in custody, Foreign Civil Cases, Civil Defendants under detention and Chinese Civil Cases.

M. O. SPRINGFIELD,
Acting Registrar.

Countersigned,
K. J. MCEUEN,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

OFFENCES.

	Number Charged
1.—Offences Against the Person :—	
Abduction	6
Allowing Children in Brothels	1
Assault	28
Attempted suicide	6
Cruelty to Children	1
False imprisonment	2
Intimidation	3
Kidnapping	8
Malicious Prosecution	1
Manslaughter	1
Wounding	1
2.—Offences Against Property :—	
Burglary	22
Cruelty to Animals	16
Embezzlement	5
Extortion	3
False Pretences	8
Fraud	7
Godown-breaking	2
House-breaking	11
Larceny	265
Malicious damage	1
Receiving stolen property	10
Robbery	22
Unlawful possession	15
3.—Offences of a Public Nature :—	
Breach of the Licensing Bye-law or of Licence Conditions in respect to the following:—	
Carriages	21
Carts	44
Dogs	9
Foodshops	4
Laundries	4
Motor Cars	10
Opium Shops	4
Pawnshop	1
Ricshas	1,053
Tea Shops	3
Wheel-barrows	136
Wine Shops	6
Hawkers	58
Breach of Bye-laws and Regulations in respect to the following :—	
Arms	4
Buildings	1
Fireworks	7
House Refuse	105
Lotteries	36
Nuisances	480
Prostitutes	15
Traffic	70
Bribery	1
Coining	1
Coin, Uttering Counterfeit	4
Fighting and creating a disturbance	80
Gambling	26
Gaol-breaking	1
Loitering with intent	17
Returning after expulsion	8
Smuggling	1
Trafficking in Women or Children	1
Vagrancy	2
4.—Miscellaneous Cases	21
TOTAL	2,679

SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

	Number Dealt with
Bail Forfeited	1,745
Cases Withdrawn	4
Cautioned	20
Dismissed	102
Fined	396
Handed to Parents or Guardians	3
Imprisonment	304
Imprisonment and Expulsion	65
Reformatory	6
Released on Security	2
Sent to Chinese Authorities	21
Sent to Military Governor of Shanghai	5
Sent to Charitable Institutions	3
Various	3
TOTAL	2,679

WOMEN'S PRISON.

On January 1	73
Received	66
Released	75
On January 31	64

SUMMONSES AND WARRANTS.

Summonses Issued	87
Summonses Served	86
Warrants Issued	33
Warrants Executed	13

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN CASES HEARD

Plaintiffs	Nationality	Defendants	Claim	Judgment
Foster-McClellan & Co.	American	Dzung Ngauh-nyien	$2,038.80	For Plaintiffs $1,538.80
Barlow & Co.	British	Ng Tsz-hsien Tsu Tsz-yoong Zau Ting-yoen Tsang Chi-mei	Tls. 6,389.79 and £29,429-9-9	Petition dismissed as regards first 2 defendants. Judgment for Plaintiffs against 3rd defendant for such sum as shall by the Court be certified to be due.
H. Diercks	German	Sing Nyi Kong Hong	Tls. 500	Case dismissed
S. T. Donohoe	American	Sung Ling-sung	Tls. 112.50	Case dismissed
Adolph Nielsen	German	Tsang Ung-yau	$18	For Plaintiff $13.30
Fritz Pasche	German	Sing Hai-mung	$706	Case proceeding
Fuhrmeister & Co.	German	Wong Vung-kyung	Tls. 2,200	For Plaintiffs Tls. 2,121.60
Robinson Piano Co., Ld.	British	Ng Soong-ying	$2 268.72	Case proceeding
F. Parlani	Italian	Sung Teh-sung et al	$1,000	Case proceeding
J. Yocisaki	Japanese	Loh Tah-foo	Tls. 1,200	For Plaintiff Tls. 1,200
Ping Kee & Co.	Spanish	Li Siau-san	Tls. 3,421.89	Claim settled

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FOREIGN CIVIL CASES.

Warrants issued	7
" executed	4
" withdrawn	2
Summonses issued	21
" served	15
" withdrawn	6
Persons apprehended on Warrants	4
" summoned	10
Sealing orders issued	187
" " executed	22
" " not executed (claim settled)	107
" " withdrawn	10
" " pending	43
Re-opening orders executed	9

CHINESE CIVIL CASES.

Petitions filed requiring a hearing	149
" " of a miscellaneous nature	60
Cases added to hearing list	126
" heard	128
" in course of hearing	35
" concluded	72
" awaiting first hearing on Jan. 31	432
Summonses issued	139
" served	131
" withdrawn	6
Warrants issued	80
" executed	43
" withdrawn	21
Persons arrested on warrant	43
" summoned	149
" failed to appear on first summons	112
Sealing orders issued	49
" " executed	6
" " not executed (claim settled)	30
" " withdrawn	4
Sealing orders pending	3
Re-opening orders executed	4

HOUSE OF DETENTION.

On January 1	111
Received	51
Released	51
On January 31	111

Engineer's Report for January.

The making up of the Avenue Edward VII, as the road resulting from the culverting of the Yangkingpang has been named, has been completed on the North side from The Bund to Szechuen Road and good progress has been made West of Szechuen Road.

Work on the demolition of The Bund Bridge over the Yangkingpang and the lowering of the roadway on the West side at this point was commenced towards the end of the month. The Honan Road and Shantung Road Bridges have been removed

The making up of Thibet Road has been completed as far South as Cemetery Road and is in hand between the latter road and Avenue Edward VII.

A fall of about 1½in. of snow occurred on the night of Saturday, the 22nd, commencing at 6 p.m. All available labour on Sunday was employed in clearing the streets, the work of removal being rendered somewhat difficult on account of the snow being frozen hard throughout the day. An attempt was made to remove the heaps of snow in the carts but it was found that the roads were too slippery for the ponies to retain their foothold and they were all withdrawn in the course of the morning. The frost held until towards midday on the Monday and the ponies were able to be employed from then onwards.

The labour employed on Sunday on the work totalled 2,[illegible]00 whilst on Monday it totalled 1 600.

Roads.—Work has been commenced on the ballasting and metalling of a 12ft. strip in East Yalu Road from Wuchow Road to Yuenfong Road.

The metalling in Avenue Road has been widened in the lengths where the creek on the South side of the road has been culverted.

Drainage—The relaying of the existing 2ft. 3in. by 1ft. 6in. sewer in Alabaster Road between Winchester Road and North Thibet Road has been completed.

The relaying of the sewer in North Kiangse Road between the Soochow Creek and Tiendong Road is approaching completion.

A commencement has been made on extending the 1ft. 6in. by 1ft. sewer in Whashing Road out to the new bunding along the Whangpoo Conservancy Line. It has been impossible to proceed with this work previously owing to the mud filling being too soft to allow for the necessary excavation for the sewer being made.

The culverting of the Yungzeenpang in front of the Burlington Hotel is practically completed. The widening of the carriageway and the making up of the foo path at this point will proceed as soon as the filling over the culvert has become sufficiently consolidated.

Bundings.—Work on the Markham Road reinforced concrete bunding has been somewhat delayed during the month on account of the weather. Failing this, progress has been satisfactory.

Extensive repairs are being carried out on the timber bundings along the Soochow and Hongkew Creeks, as part of the usual maintenance necessary during the year on such type of bunding.

Bridges.—Extensive repairs are being carried out on the Chapoo Road Bridge over the Soochow Creek.

Delhi Road Sub-station.—The centering of the second floor is in position and the reinforcement is being put in position.

Markham Road Sub-station.—The concrete of the second floor is in position also the concrete of the upper walls and the centering of the roof is being erected.

Brenan Road Sub-station.—The concrete of the second floor is in position and the upper walls are in course of construction.

New Central Offices.—The laying of the first floor concrete has proceeded steadily, and the walls are now practically up to first floor level, a portion of the string course at that level having been fixed in position.

New Hongkew Fire Station.—The laying of the first floor concrete is now nearly completed.

Maternity Ward Extension.—This building is now nearly completed. The light and water services are fixed and painting has been commenced. Cupboards, sinks, etc., are also being fixed.

Thomas Hanbury School for Boys.—The tiled floors have been commenced, the top floor being partially completed. Interior varnishing is proceeding and some of the fittings have been erected.

Nieh Chih Kuei Public School for Chinese.—The grounds are being laid out and paths constructed.

Sikh Gurdwara at Western Police Depôt.—This building is now up to roof level. The main cornice has been fixed, and a portion of the timber roof trusses have been erected.

Isolation Hospital, West Block.—Work has proceeded on excavation of foundation trenches. During the excavation for the heating chamber an old creek with a wooden bunding was discovered some feet below the present ground level.

Fingchiao Quarry.—1,586½ fong of material was dispatched to the Public Works Department during the month.

Cleansing and Watering. *Total*

Road sweepings collected	9,312	cartloads
Used for raising land	497	"
Water used for street watering	2,350,800	gallons.

Labour.—The average number of labourers employed daily was as follows:—

Coolies	2,655
Artisans	357
Foremen	205
Mafoos	166
Convicts	174

Concreteware.—The following has been produced during the month :—

Hand-made	7,232	pieces
Machine-made	549	"

Work Shelters.—There were 277 admissions during the month and 326 bundles of wood chopped.

New Buildings.—Summary of work done during the month :—

Description of Work	*Total*
*Buildings under construction	260
Plans submitted for approval	53
Plans approved	41
Inspections by Inspectors	2,813
Boundary walls erected	2
Carpenter sheds erected	5
Repairs to buildings effected	58
New shop fronts inserted	23
Shop fronts, etc., painted	238
Alterations effected	34
Fences erected	24
Sign-boards erected	283
Temporary cloth sunshades erected	36
Encroachments reported and rectified	6

*These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new lots	70
Boundary stone certificates issued	35
Consular lots surveyed	27
New Consular Lots placed under taxation	8
Official plans prepared	22
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions	68
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads and/or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	70

M. C. R. Stones have been erected as follows :—

Western District	21
Northern "	3
Eastern "	4

CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Engineer & Surveyor.

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Summary of General Municipal Rate, December Quarter.

Foreign.

	1915.		1914.		1913.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District	680	2,266,923	681	2,200,486	687	2,164,504
Northern do.	1,052	919,881	1,078	904,599	1,073	895,737
Eastern do.	682	853,017	662	814,985	627	788,513
Western do.	953	1,140,324	918	1,090,836	867	1,038,785
Outside Settlement Limits	562	373,931	491	328,593	437	287,171
Total	3,929	5,554,076	3,830	5,339,499	3,691	5,174,710
Occupied by Foreigners	2,922	4,099,367	2,806	3,994,456	2,751	3,912,714
do. Chinese	728	1,019,941	762	991,545	819	987,553
Unoccupied	279	434,768	262	353,498	121	247,413
Total	3,929	5,554,076	3,830	5,339,499	3,691	5,174,710
TAX COLLECTED:—		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District		59,937		59,974		60,380
Northern do.		24,037		24,113		24,565
Eastern do.		23,115		22,208		21,944
Western do.		28,489		26,941		27,630
Outside Settlement Limits		4,781		4,297		3,602
Total		140,359		137,533		138,121

Chinese.

	1915.		1914.		1913.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		$		$		$
Central District	11,577	4,992,352	11,646	4,814,238	12,049	4,241,636
Northern do.	15,692	2,570,243	15,885	2,344,694	16,110	2,223,734
Eastern do.	15,299	1,313,194	14,363	1,125,703	13,894	1,039,818
Western do.	13,371	1,645,931	12,406	1,429,887	11,356	1,190,298
Outside Settlement Limits	1,180	104,038	1,069	95,243	987	84,382
Total	57,119	10,625,758	55,369	9,809,770	54,396	8,779,868
Occupied by Foreigners	1,583	379,781	1,639	356,549	1,641	346,481
do. Chinese	53,669	9,683,677	52,555	9,103,415	52,117	8,239,599
Unoccupied	1,867	562,300	1,175	349,806	638	193,788
Total	57,119	10,625,758	55,369	9,809,770	54,396	8,779,868
TAX COLLECTED:—		$		$		$
Central District		142,415		140,859		124,678
Northern do.		74,181		68,248		64,692
Eastern do.		37,[illegible]95		32,024		30,169
Western do.		44,576		39,331		34,865
Outside Settlement Limits		1,466		1,365		1,190
Total		299,833		281,827		255,594

E. L. ALLEN, *Overseer of Taxes.*

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬各項本局承辦公事之事項

二 所有未定准辦目錄之低本局彙自有權刪

三 凡到局保其運票合同辦理之人須覓尚實保

四 所有承攬之人之信及承攬之價目以後登入各人公報俾人知悉

五 所有取閱明清單須付價期本局必將其錢數在此驗單內登明

六 所有承攬信應妥封固加蓋大漆其承攬何項工料實物必於信面寫明送至西江路二十三號工部局繳納二時之後開標之前須在定期上午十號以前送達以一律遵守

後仍將歇業一律有效得取之款項交付本局所取之款項在驗單承攬後方准領還

清單來最善用此次概免由挂號郵寄

信送費以便信內附寄

所有承攬事件由英文開列於下

TENDERS INVITED

No.	Description	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders
	VOLUNTEER CORPS		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Headquarters, 15 Canton Road		
1	200 Bandoliers	—	February 29
2	200 Waterbottles	—	"
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Offices, 7a The Bund		
322	Construction of a Wooden Bridge across the Soochow Creek at Markham Road	—	February 28
323	Furniture and Fittings at the Thomas Hanbury School for Boys	—	February 24
324	Painting Garden Bridge	—	March 6
325	Painting Chekiang Road Bridge	—	March 6
326	Dredging the Singkeipang Creek	—	March 6

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